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TAGS AORG ILO XG
SUBJ ILO-EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

PASS COMMERCE AND LABOR

1. CONFERENCE OPENED JANUARY 14 BY GB CHAIRMAN (MUNOZ-LEDO) WITH SHORT STATEMENT POINTING OUT THAT CURRENT PROBLEMS AFFECTING INDUSTRIAL NATIONS DEMONSTRATES INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY WITHIN ILO CONTEXT OF STRIVING FOR IMPROVED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS FOR WORKERS.

2. IRISH MINISTER OF LABOR O'LEARY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE. NOMINATED BY FRG AND SECONDED BY USSR. FRG WORKERS DELEGATE MUHR SECONDED ON BEHALF OF WORKERS GROUP. O'LEARY, WHO IS NEW TO ILO, CALLED FOR ACTION RATHER THAN SPEECHES FROM THE DELEGATES. HE ADMONISHED THEM NOT TO ENGAGE IN IDEOLOGICAL "TRIUMPHISM," BUT TO FIND COMMON GROUND FOR DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE. (COMMENT. O'LEARY, WHO HAS TRADE UNION CREDENTIALS, SHOWED HIS STRENGTH BY GETTING WEST AND EAST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND THEN SEWING UP THE CONTEST WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE WORKERS GROUP. EMPLOYERS DID NOT ANNOUNCE A GROUP POSITION. THE BELGIAN LABOR MINISTER WHO HAD BEEN A SERIOUS AND TENACIOUS CANDIDATE WITHDREW AND THE AUSTRIANS WHO HAD HOPES OF FIELDING A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE.)

3. OTHER HONORS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

GOVT V.P.-ROMANIA
EMPLOYER V.P.-ERDMAN (FRG)
WORKER V.P.-PLANT (UK)
GOVT. GROUP CHAIR.-SWITZERLAND
EMPLOYER GROUP CHAIR.-BERGENSTROM (SWEDEN)
WORKER GROUP CHAIR.-MUHR (FRG)

4. SELECTIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS FROM GB DELEGATION MUNOZ-LEDO (MEXICO), WALLINE (FRANCE) AND MORRIS (CANADA) PLUS FOUR FROM EACH GROUP:

GOVT-CYPRUS (CHAIRMAN)
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UK
USSR
EMPLOYERS-BERGENSTROM (SWEDEN)
CONDE BANDRES (SPAIN)
ERDMAN (FRG)
HINTERMANN (ITALY)
WORKERS-CARLSSON (SWEDEN)
MUHR (FRG)

PIMENOV (USSR)
SALANNE (FRANCE)

5. BECAUSE OF LARGE NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED (12) SELECTIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONVENE A RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. COMPOSITION OF THAT COMMITTEE WILL BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW, BUT APPEARS LIKELY THAT IT WILL CONSIST OF 25 GOVT, 20 EMPLOYER AND 15 WORKER MEMBERS. A WEIGHTED VOTING SYSTEM WILL BE USED TO ESTABLISH PARITY. SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS WILL PROBABLY BE CONSOLIDATED FOLLOWING USUAL ILO CUSTOM. HOWEVER, EMPLOYERS SUBMITTED A SHARP RESOLUTION EXTOLLING TRIPARTITISM AND NEED FOR INDEPENDENT EMPLOYER AND WORKER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WAS AIMED SQUARELY AT SOVIET WORKER INSPIRED RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRADE UNION RIGHTS. EMPLOYERS WITHHELD THEIR RESOLUTION UNTIL THEY KNEW SOVIET RESOLUTION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED. EMPLOYERS INTEND USE THEIR RESOLUTION AS TACTICAL DEVICE TO BLUNT SOVIET ALLEGATIONS.

6. DELEGATION FROM PORTUGAL DID NOT APPEAR AT OPENING CEREMONIES AND SECY. GEN OF CONFERENCE BLANCHARD TOLD LABATT THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA THAT HIS GOVT HAD DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. BASSIN

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